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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RUFFIN ET AL.

Examiner

Tri H. Phan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 June 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

1. This Office Action is in response to the Response/Amendment filed on June 22nd, 2006. Claims 1-5 are now pending in the application.

Priority

2. Should applicant desire to obtain the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) prior to declaration of an interference, a translation of the foreign application should be submitted under 37 CFR 1.55 in reply to this action.

Drawings

3. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.
4. The drawing is objected to because each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The figures 1&2 do not fully disclose in the "Details Description of the Invention" (Specification pages 3-4) for understanding the claimed invention.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Schaefer et al.** (U.S.6,157,927; hereinafter refer as '**Schaefer**').

- In regard to claim 1, **Schaefer** discloses, *a communication channel system* (for example see figure 1-3) *comprising*

a communication channel (for example see element 38 in figure 1; elements 64, 65 in figure 2);

a set of transaction initiators and consumers connected by said communication channel (for example see figures 1-2; col. 3, lines 55-57; col. 12, line 48 through col. 13, line 14; where

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the X/Open DTP provides access and facilitates transaction process between client, e.g. “initiator”, and server, e.g. “consumer”, connected via connection 38, 65 in figures 1-2, as disclosed in col. 2, lines 25-61),

a logging service (‘resource manager of the X/Open DTP’; for example see col. 8, lines 25-54) *associated with said communication channel comprising an XA/RO interface* (“XA interface”; for example see figure 2; col. 4, lines 23-29, 57-65) *to enable a transactional system to perform transactional operations* (for example see col. 2, line 25 through col. 3, line 42; col. 10, lines 6-9; where the transaction properties are defined in col. 1, line 51 through col. 2, line 23) *on data stored in said logging service* (‘log record’; For example see col. 9, lines 18-44; where the log records store in secure storage as disclosed in figure 2).

- Regarding claim 2, **Schaefer** further discloses *the transactional communication system according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of communication channels* (for example see col. 2, line 50 through col. 3, line 10; col. 8, lines 55 through col. 9, line 17; wherein different subordinate transactions for different transaction systems provide different connections, e.g. “*plurality of communication channels*”).

- In regard to claim 4, **Schaefer** further discloses *the communication channel system according to claim 1, wherein the XA/RO interface enables a monitor* (‘transaction manager TM’ in figure 2) *to apply correct termination of a transactional operation or incorrect termination of a transactional operation to the logged data* (for example see col. 4, lines 10-17; col. 27, lines

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22-26; where the transactional operation is disclosed in col. 3, lines 19-42) *to confirm or cancel changes* (for example see figures 2-3; col. 10, lines 6-9; col. 14, lines 19-23).

- Regarding claim 5, **Schaefer** further discloses *the communication channel system according to claim 1, wherein the logging service stores all successive values of a variable and retains old values* (for example see col. 9, lines 18-44; where the transaction records, e.g. “*successive values*”, and log records, e.g. “*old values*”, for recovery are stored).

- In regard to claim 3, **Schaefer** discloses, *a method of communication between a set of transaction initiators and consumers* (for example see figures 1-2), *including intermediate communication channels* (for example see elements 38 in figure 1; elements 64, 65 in figure 2), *comprising:*

validating an operation in a logging service (‘resource manager of the X/Open DTP’; for example see col. 8, lines 25-54; col. 3, lines 19-42; col. 27, lines 22-26) *having an XA/RO interface* (“XA interface”; for example see figure 2; col. 4, lines 23-29, 57-65); *and*

storing the operation to enable recovery validated transactional operations (‘log record for recovery’; for example see col. 9, lines 31-44; col. 23, lines 1-42).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Traversat et al. (U.S.6,115,715), **Pardon et al.** (U.S.6,671,686), **The Open Group** (GUIDE - Distributed Transaction Processing: Reference Model, Version 3, published by X/Open Company Ltd., U.K., February 1996, pp. 1-34) and **Donald A. Marsh, Jr.** (Global Transactions - X/Open XA - Resource Managers, Version 3.0 dated January 1, 2000, pp 1-23) are all cited to show devices and methods for improving the management database for the transaction processing in the networks, which are considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri H. Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

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